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REPORT B

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ β ” to S P 308, L D 750, “An Act to Eliminate the
10 Limits on Candidates' Speech at the Polls”

11 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following

12 **'An Act to Restrict Candidates from the Polls Except for the Purpose of Voting'**

13 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the
14 following

15 **'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2019, c 371, §21, is further
16 amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read

17 ~~These limitations do not prohibit a candidate from attending the voting place and orally~~
18 ~~communicating with voters~~ A candidate may not attend a voting place except for the
19 purpose of voting. A candidate attending a voting place for the purpose of voting may orally
20 communicate with voters as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote
21 A candidate may not state the name of the office sought or request a person's vote '

22 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
23 number to read consecutively

SUMMARY

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25 This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, changes the title of the
26 bill and prohibits a candidate from attending a voting place except for the purpose of voting
27 A candidate who attends a voting place for the purpose of voting may, as provided in
28 current law, orally communicate with voters as long as the candidate does not attempt to
29 influence their vote or state the name of the office sought or request a person's vote